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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY TRANSMITS BELOW TEXT LETTERS TO LA CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT FROM PRESIDENTS PEREZ AND ECHEVERRIA INVITING THEM TO SEND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETING CREATING SELA. ALSO TRANSMITTED IS TEXT (BOTH UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION) OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE OUTLINING SELA GOALS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ OF VENEZUELA AND PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ OF MEXICO HAVE SENT JOINT, IDENTICAL LETTERS INVITING LA CHIEFS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT TO SEND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET AT A TIME AND PLACE TO BE AGREED UPON, BUT BEFORE THE END OF MAY, TO DRAW UP FINAL PLANS FOR THE SISTEMA ECONOMICA LATIN AMERICANA (SELA). (LETTER TO CHILEAN CHIEF OF STATE WAS SIGNED ONLY BY PEREZ.) JOINT COMMUNIQUE OUTLINING SELA GOALS WAS DELIVERED TO LA AMBASSADORS HERE ALONG WITH LETTERS IN MARCH 20 CEREMONY AT LOS PINOS (PRESIDENTIAL PALACE). SELA, IT WAS EXPLAINED, WILL

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BE PERMANENT ORGANIZATION WITH A COORDINATING SECRETARIAT AND

SMALL BUT HIGHLY-PROFESSIONAL STAFF. PRESIDENTIAL LETTER AND COMMUNIQUE WERE PUBLISHED IN SEMI-OFFICIAL EL NACIONAL ON MARCH 21, AND ARE TRANSMITTED BELOW IN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION. (POUCHING SPANISH TEXTS TO DEPARTMENT.)

3. LETTER: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA TO MEXICO, WE RECEIVED WITH PLEASURE THE REPORTS OF OUR SPECIAL EMISSARIES, WHO HAD VISITED ALL OF LATIN AMERICA, TO EXPLAIN AND TO PROPOSE THE CREATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM. IT WAS PARTICULARLY SATISFACTORY TO NOTE THE CONSENSUS WHICH EXISTS IN FAVOR OF THIS INITIATIVE.

PARA THIS FAVORABLE RECEPTION HAS ENCOURAGED US TO PROPOSE A MEETING WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES, CHARGED WITH DRAWING UP THE BASES FOR THE CREATION OF THIS MECHANISM. PARA WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE TO THIS MEETING WHICH SHOULD BE HELD NOT LATER THAN MAY OF THIS YEAR AT A PLACE AND DATE TO BE DETERMINED MUTUALLY THROUGH THE CONSULTATIONS OF OUR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN OFFICES. PARA WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, FRATERNALLY, CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA; LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ, PRESIDENT OF MEXICO. UNQUOTE.

4. COMMUNIQUE. QUOTE BOTH PRESIDENTS REITERATE THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA SHOULD BE ABLE TO COUNT ON HAVING THEIR OWN SYSTEM OF ECONOMIC CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION, WORKING ON A PERMANENT BASIS COMPLEMENTARY TO ALREADY-EXISTING ORGANISMS, AND CAPABLE OF RESPONDING EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO THE COMMON NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS (OF LATIN AMERICA). PARA IN ORDER TO EXPLORE THIS PROJECT, MIXED MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN COMMISSIONS HAVE RECENTLY VISITED THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, AND ENCOUNTERED AN AMPLE CONSENSUS REGARDING THE NEED FOR SUCH A MECHANISM. PARA BUOYED BY THE FAVORABLE RECEPTION OF THESE INITIATIVES, (THE PRESIDENTS OF VENEZUELA AND MEXICO) HAVE CALLED FOR A MEETING OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF CHIEFS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO FORMULATE THE BASES AND TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR PUTTING THIS ORGANIZATION INTO EFFECT. THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE MEETING WILL BE DECIDED SUBSEQUENTLY BY THE

GOVERNMENTS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. PARA THE PRESIDENTS
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CONCEIVE OF SELA AS A PRAGMATIC AND FLEXIBLE MECHANISM WHICH WILL BRING TOGETHER THE COMMON INTERESTS OF VARIOUS OR ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA. IN THIS SENSE THEY POINT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE RECENT MEETING OF COFINDE IN MEXICO CITY. (COMMENT: THIS REFERS TO MARCH 3-7 CONFERENCE ON THE FINANCING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REPORTED BY MEXICO A-99 MARCH 25).
PARA THE OPERATION OF SELA WILL GIVE GREAT IMPULSE TO

THE FORCES OF REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL INTEGRATION WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM EXISTING AGREEMENTS. THE PRESIDENTS RECOGNIZE AND APPROVE OF ALL EXISTING (INTEGRATION) TREATIES, AND SUGGEST THE EXPLORATION OF THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL PAYMENTS MECHANISM WHICH WILL ASSIST INTEGRATION EFFORTS. PARA THE ACTION OF SELA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONCRETE PROJECTS WILL ESPECIALLY ASSIST THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE AREA. SELA WILL NOT DUPLICATE NOR SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS NOW OPERATING IN THE REGION. IT WILL BE A BROAD-BASED MECHANISM WHICH MIGHT INTER ALIA INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

- 1) PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS WITH DUE CONSIDERATION NOT ONLY TO THE INTERESTS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES BUT ALSO FOR THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF THIRD PARTIES AFFECTED BY THESE PROJECTS;
- 2) ACTUATE THE CREATION OF LA MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTER UTILIZATION OF NATURAL, HUMAN, TECHNICAL, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION;
- 3) SPONSOR FORMULAS FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN THE DIRECTION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECST WHICH STIMULATE THE CONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION;
- 4) DEFEND PRICES AND ASSURE MARKETS FOR RAW MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS, AS WELL AS TO GUARANTEE FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES THE PROVISION OF A REGULAR SUPPLY OF THESE MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS ON THE BEST TERMS AND CONDITIONS;

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- 5) PROMOTE ACTIONS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE FOOD SUPPLY FOR ALL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH ARE RELATIVELY LEAST-DEVELOPED. SELA WILL PROPOSE THE CREATION OF A MULTINATIONAL, LATIN AMERICAN SCHEME FOR THE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS;
- 6) EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY AND RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL SUPPLIERS OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY, AND PROMOTE THE CREATION OF A MECHANISM WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE NEGOTIATING CAPACITY OF LA COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA;
- 7) PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG LA COUNTRIES AND STIMULATE REGIONAL UTILIZATION OF ITS HUMAN RESOURCES THROUGH IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS;

8) STIMULATE THE CHANNELIZATION OF
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND PROJECT
PLANNING OFFERED BY WORLD, INTER-AMERICAN, AND SUB-REGIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE DIRECTION OF THOSE LA COUNTRIES WHICH ARE RELATIVELY LEAST
DEVELOPED ECONOMICALLY;

9) PROMOTE ARRANGEMENTS TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS OPERATING IN THE HEMISPHERE IN ORDER TO
INSURE OPTIMUM EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.
ESTABLISH COOPERATIVE TIES WITH EXTRA-REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS,
ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE THIRD WORLD.

SELA WILL ESTABLISH A COORDINATING SECRETARIAT COMPOSED OF
A SMALL NUMBER OF HIGHLY-QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS, AND WILL UTILIZE
THE TECHNICAL CAPACITY AND SERVICES OF INTERNATIONAL INSTIUTIONS
IN WHICH LA COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE. THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS
WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY GROUPS OR ENTITLES DESIGNATED SPECIFICALLY
BY PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE
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